HALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT ON THE HEALTH

OF

HALE URBAN DISTRICT

FOR

THE YEAR - 1968

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HALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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Medical Officer of Health
(15th February 1968 until 31st August 1968)

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Medical Officer of Health
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Clerk Typist

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (Statute Acres)	2,264
Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate, 1968) ...	16,330
Population (Census 1961)	14,800
Number of Inhabited Houses (Per Rate Books 1968)	5,450
Number of Dwellings occupied by one private family (1961) ...	4,925
Rateable Value (1st April 1969)	£765,650
Sum represented by a penny rate (1st April 1969)	£3,090
Rate in the Pound (1st April 1969)	16/-d.

2. VITAL STATISTICS

	Males	Females	Total
Live Births - Legitimate ...	94	92	186
Illegitimate...	7	3	10
	101	95	196

Live Birth-Rate (uncorrected)	12.0
Comparability Factor (Births)	1.06
*Standardised Live Birth-Rate corrected for comparability factor	12.7
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births ...	5.1

	Males	Females	Total
Stillbirths - Legitimate ...	-	-	-
Illegitimate...	-	-	-

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	NIL

	Males	Females	Total
Total Live and Stillbirths	101	95	196

Total Deaths of Infants under one year of age	2
Total Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	2
Total Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age	2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births	10.2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	10.8
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	NIL
Neo-mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	10.2
Early Neo-mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	10.2
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	10.2
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	NIL
Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion) per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	NIL

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths	82	90	172

Comparability Factor (Deaths)...	0.9
Crude Death Rate	10.5
*Standardised Death Rate corrected for comparability factor ...	9.45

*The standardised birth and death rate are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, giving a fairer comparison with that of other areas.

"Halecroft",
Hale Road,
HALE, Cheshire.

To the Chairman & Members of the Hale Urban District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the report on the health of the Urban District of Hale for the year 1968.

Members will be aware that I did not commence my duties as your Medical Officer of Health until the closing months of the year, and I therefore submit the report formally without comment. Dr. E. H. Gordon was Medical Officer of Health until he left in February and Dr. J. A. Leitch was Acting Medical Officer of Health in the interim period until my appointment.

The first part of the report contains details relating to Vital Statistics, and the second part of the report concerns work carried out by the Chief Public Health Inspector in relation to environmental health.

Members will, I am sure, find the report to be of interest.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
W. DAVIDSON-LAMB,
Medical Officer of Health.

BIRTHS

1968 Figures Boys - 101; Girls - 95; Total - 196

1967 Figures " 121; " 89; " - 210

When corrected with the comparability factor* (0.16) the birth rate for Hale for the year was 12.7 as compared with a provisional figure of 16.9 for England and Wales.

The number of births was the lowest since 1960 when the figure was 185. Comparatively the figure for England and Wales was the lowest since 1959.

INFANT MORTALITY

Two deaths occured among children under one year of age during 1968 as compared with three the previous year.

The following tables give the infant mortality figures for this district during the last five years.

1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
2	NIL	4	3	2

DEATHS

Males - 82; Females - 90; Total - 172

This gives a crude death rate of 10.5 per 1,000 of the population. When corrected with the comparability factor* (.90) the standardised death rateis 9.4 as compared with a figure (provisional) of 11.9 for England and Wales.

*The comparability factor takes account of the sex and age distribution of the population andmakes the figures more comparable with that of other areas. The large proportion of deaths was due to conditions associated with old age.

CANCER (MALIGNANT DISEASE)

There were 36 deaths from Cancer (15 males, 21 females), as compared with 37 last year and 28 in 1966.

Classified Deaths from Cancer

Localisation	M.	F.	TOTAL
Stomach	-	2	2
Lungs, Bronchus	6	3	9
Breast	-	3	3
Generative Organs	-	3	3
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Other sites	9	9	18
TOTALS ...	15	21	26

RESPIRATORY DISEASES

The deaths from these diseases, as compared with the last 2 years are shown in the following table:-

	1968	1967	1966
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1	-
Influenza	1	2	-
Pneumonia	4	5	6
Bronchitis, Emphysema	8	8	7
Other respiratory diseases	1	2	2
	14	18	15

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year 108 cases of Infectious Disease, other than Tuberculosis, were notified. Details are as follows:-

Table of Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Disease	Number Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Dysentery	1	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	3	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis - Paralytic	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	3	1	-
Pneumonia	-	-	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Measles	98	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-
TOTALS ...	108	1	4

There were again no cases of Poliomyelitis in the area during the year.

There were 3 cases of food poisoning reported during the year, all unconnected. One case had recently returned from holidays abroad.

TUBERCULOSIS

There have been two new cases of Tuberculosis during the year.

At the end of the year there were 29 cases of Tuberculosis known, made up as follows:-

MALES		FEMALES		Total
Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
16	2	9	2	29

The number of cases is steady and compares with the corresponding numbers in surrounding areas.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION IN DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Bacteriological tests are undertaken by the Public Health Laboratory, Withington Hospital, Manchester.

The following is a statement of the bacteriological examinations carried out during the year.

Disease	Examinations		
	Total	Positive	Negative
Typhoid Salmonella Dysentery	37	10	27
Other Examinations	-	-	-
TOTALS	37	10	27

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1951 - SECTION 1(3)

It was not necessary to resort to these powers regarding persons in need of care and attention.

NATIONAL HEALTH ACT SERVICES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A. Services provided in accordance with the requirements of the National Health Service Act, 1946

I. Hospital Services

Controlling Body- Manchester Regional Hospital Board.
Local Hospitals - Governed by Wythenshawe & North Cheshire Hospital Management Committee.
Group Secretary - Mr. E. Foden, Baguley & Wythenshawe Hospital Floats Road, Manchester, M23 9NA

Hospitals serving this area

General Acute Cases - Altrincham General Hospital and Denzell(Convalescent).
General Chronic Cases - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.
Withington Hospital, Manchester.
Maternity Hospitals - Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester.
Altrincham Maternity Hospital, Sinderland Road, Altrincham
Southfields, Langham Road, Bowdon.
Ear, Nose & Throat - St. Anne's Home, Woodville Road, Altrincham.
Infectious Diseases - Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester.
Smallpox - Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, Near Bury.

A large proportion of patients from Hale are treated in the Manchester Hospitals.

II. General Practitioners and General Dental Services

Controlling Body - National Health Services Executive Council for Cheshire.
Clerk - Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester.

III. Services of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council

1. Ambulance Services - Ambulance Station, Manchester Road, Broadheath, Altrincham. Telephone Altrincham 3256 and Hulme Hall 4477.

*2. Immunisation and Vaccination.

*3. Care and After Care.

*4. Home Help Service.

5. Maternity & Child Welfare - The detailed arrangements are as follows:-
The Child Welfare Centre is held every Wednesday at "Lister House", Broomfield Lane, Hale.
The Child Welfare Clinic for Hale Barns is held at the new Welfare Centre, Shay Lane, Hale Barns, weekly on Monday afternoons and Tuesday mornings.

6. Domiciliary Midwifery and District Nursing -
District Nurses - Mrs. S. J. McGrath, 8 Westminster Road, Hale.
Telephone Ringway 7230
Miss Doherty, 1 Hawthorn Road, Hale.
Telephone Altrincham 6523

7. Dental Service - Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Pre-School Children -
Dental Clinic -"Lister House" Broomfield Lane, Hale.

8. Mental Health Service -
Duly Authorised Officer for Mental Health -Mr. J.Thompson,
Washway Road, Sale.
Telephone Sale 2305.
Junior Training Centre - Brentwood Avenue, Timperley.
Adult Training Centre - Albert Place, Dunham Road, Altrincham.

These services are administered by the County Health Committee with the exception of those marked * which are administered by the Altrincham Divisional Health Committee.

The Divisional Health Committee area covers Hale U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C., Altrincham M.B., Knutsford U.D.C., and Bucklow R.D.C. and includes members of those Authorities, members of the County Council and Co-opted Members

Divisional Medical Officer - W.Davidson-Lamb, M.C.,M.B.,Ch.B.,D.P.H.,
The Mount, Altrincham.
Telephone Altrincham 5323

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B. Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council

1. Education Committee - School Health Service, including School Dental Service - "Lister House" Broomfield Lane, Hale.

2. Welfare Committee - Old Persons, care and attention - homeless, handicapped persons, provision for residential accommodation etc. - County Welfare Officer, Mr. G.Evans, County Hall, Chester.
Area Welfare Officer, Mr. G. Woodburn, Stamford House,Stamford New Road, Altrincham.
Telephone Altrincham 2735.

3. Childrens Committee - Provides for the care of Deprived Children i.e. Children not under parental care.
Children's Officer for this area - Stamford House, Stamford New Road, Altrincham.

TABLE 1

HALE URBAN DISTRICT

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Causes of Death for the Year 1968

CAUSE OF DEATH	M.	F.	TOTAL
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	-	2	2
- do - - Lungs, Bronchus	6	3	9
- do - - Breast	-	3	3
- do - - Uterus		3	3
Leukaemia	-	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	9	18
Benign & Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	2	2
Anaemias	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1	2
Chronis Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	4	1	5
Ischaemic Heart Disease	26	21	47
Other Forms of Heart Disease	5	4	9
Cerebrovascular Disease	12	17	29
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	8	10
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	2	2	4
Bronchitis & Emphysema	6	2	8
Asthma	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	1	2
Congenital Anomalies	1	1	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	1	-	1
Symptoms & Ill-Defined Conditions	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	2	2	4
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	-	1
TOTALS	82	90	172

TABLE 2

HALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT during 1968 and previous years

Year	Population middle of each year	BIRTHS			DEATHS				
					Under 1 year of Age		At All Ages		
		Number	Rate	Corrected Rate	Number	Rate per 1,000 Births	Number	Rate	Corrected Rate
Average 1920 - 1929	10,769	122	11.49	-	6	54.4	95	9.79	-
Average 1930 - 1939	11,262	116	10.32	-	3	28.9	119	10.49	-
Average 1940 - 1949	11,929	146	12.3	-	5	33.5	147	12.3	-
Average 1950 - 1959	12,207	139	11.4	12.6	3	23.4	161	13.3	10.6
1958	12,650	144	11.4	13.1	2	13.4	183	14.5	11.6
1959	13,000	202	15.5	16.9	4	19.8	170	13.8	10.7
1960	13,380	185	13.8	14.8	2	10.8	178	13.3	11.7
1961	14,690	233	15.9	16.2	1	4.29	180	12.3	11.5
1962	15,270	258	16.9	17.2	2	7.7	200	13.1	12.3
1963	15,570	270	17.6	18.7	3	10.9	192	12.3	11.6
1964	16,060	244	14.4	16.3	2	8.3	170	10.6	9.9
1965	16,210	247	15.2	16.2	-	-	180	11.1	10.0
1966	16,240	241	14.8	15.7	4	16.6	170	10.5	9.5
1967	16,270	210	12.9	13.7	3	14.3	163	10.0	9.1
1968	16,330	196	12.0	12.7	2	10.2	172	10.5	9.4

Area of the District in acres (land and inland water) ... ... 2,264 (Statute)

TABLE 3

Cases of INFECTIOUS DISEASE notified during the year 1968

	Total No. of Cases Notified	AT AGES - YEARS											WARD DISTRIBUTION				Cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45	65	Over 65	Central	North	Well-Green	Bollin		
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Pulomary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis- Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	98	-	29	28	39	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	31	35	18	14	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	108	1	29	29	41	1	3	2	-	2	-	-	32	36	21	19	1	4

REPORT OF SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the
Hale Urban District Council.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1968 - my thirty-second as your Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

There are only two houses without mains water, both being several hundred yards from the nearest main, and no houses are supplied from standpipes.

Mains water is supplied by the Manchester Corporation, and a constant supply of excellent quality is maintained.

I am indebted to the Engineer of the Manchester Corporation Waterworks for the following information with regard to the supply.

1. The water supply to this area has been satisfactory in respect of quality.

2. 419 bacteriological samples were taken from consumers' taps in the Southern District of Manchester's distribution area of which Hale forms a part. 88.8% were coliform free and classed as excellent, 99.8% were free from E Coli type I, and in all cases where unsatisfactory samples were obtained, repeat samples gave excellent results.

   181 chemical analyses were made on samples from consumers' taps. Most of these were short analyses but a typical analysis on water taken from a tap in the district was as follows:-

Appearance	...	Clear, colourless and free from sediment.
Colour (hazen)	...	5
Turbidity (ppm.silica)	...	Nil
pH	...	8.7
Total alkalinity as mg/1 ($CaCO_3$)	...	16
Total hardness as mg/1 ($CaCO_3$)	...	21
Chlorides as mg/1 Cl	...	8
Iron, as Mg/1 Fe	...	0.05
Manganese as mg/1 Mn	...	0.01
Total dissolved solids, Mg/1	...	41

   Only slight seasonal variations occur in chemical water quality throughout the year.

3. The supply to the district is a mixture of water from Haweswater and Thirlmere. Tests for plumbosolvency have been applied to each distributed water and results have been satisfactory. Both waters receive treatment to correct any tendency towards plumbosolvent action.

4. If bacteriological or chemical contamination is found, additional flushing, with swabbing and re-sterilisation if necessary, of the mains is carried out. This has not been found necessary during the last year.

SEWERAGE

The foul sewers in the area are adequate, but the Council continues to give consideration to the provision of a foul sewer in the Brooks Drive, Shay Lane area at present served by a multiplicity of septic tanks, the effluent from which discharges into a stream of limited volume.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The newly enlarged sewage disposal works at Bankhall Lane are at present adequate for the needs of the district. The measures taken in the past 2 to 3 years to combat odours from the works appear to have been successful.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

There remain only 7 pail closets in the district and with the exception of 2 houses there is no available sewer. The possibilities of converting to water closets with the provision of a septic tank is not being overlooked, but there is no statutory power to require this conversion in the absence of an available sewer. The two houses mentioned are likely to be demolished in the near future.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS & OTHER INSECT PESTS

No cases of bug infestation were discovered during the year. The help of the Department was sought on 115 occasions in eliminating other insects including Wasps, Ants, and Cockroaches - Gammexane, Zaldecide and Cymag were successfully used.

CLEAN AIR

The Council decided at the end of the year to make its second smoke control order which covered an area bounded by Westgate, the Railway line, and Hale Road and also all the properties on the Bowdon side of the Railway line. The order covered an area of 46.9 acres, and embraced 445 premises. The order was due to come into operation on 1st October 1969, when the toal premises covered by the two smoke control orders would be some 859 premises out of a total of 5500.

At the same time the Council decided to speed up their further programme with the object of making the whole district smokeless by 1978 - that is in eight years rather than the ten originally proposed.

The average monthly figures for our three stations for solid matter and Sulphur Dioxide are given below for 1966 to 1968.

Solid Matter

STATION		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aver.for year
Council Offices,	1966	168	130	127	303	81	49	56	47	76	193	191	140	130
Ashley Road.	1967	235	127	43	92	61	32	23	33	56	46	243	216	100
	1968	126	280	104	75	72	26	34	25	43	66	107	164	85
Halecroft, Hale	1966	-	-	90	137	89	47	25	32	58	145	138	90	92*
Road, Hale Barns.	1967	172	76	29	53	38	28	16	29	36	29	152	147	67
	1968	96	115	51	56	41	17	23	21	32	43	70	132	58
Bradbury Secondary	1966	-	-	-	-	87	58	58	49	73	212	223	182	131*
School, Queens Road.	1967	274	173	75	100	63	34	24	38	62	61	288	252	121
	1968	159	210	104	87	76	27	33	26	49	71	131	195	98

Sulphur Dioxide

STATION		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aver.for year
Council Offices,	1966	133	105	104	150	89	70	49	65	70	118	146	77	85
Ashley Road	1967	124	88	44	90	61	56	46	41	52	35	152	122	76
	1968	74	118	63	72	83	55	71	55	55	49	76	107	73
Halecroft, Hale	1966	-	-	94	148	82	73	52	62	74	161	156	80	100*
Road, Hale Barns.	1967	148	75	30	72	46	55	41	31	46	31	178	158	76
	1968	114	176	83	79	81	49	62	53	54	58	105	158	84
Bradbury Secondary	1966	-	-	-	-	95	79	62	74	80	158	203	130	115*
School, Queens Road.	1967	201	125	55	116	73	53	46	51	65	56	235	204	107
	1968	152	236	121	108	106	57	75	60	68	75	143	214	118

*Where the 1966 figures were not for the whole year, the figures for 1967 have been used to calculate averages.

Although one should guard against giving too much emphasis to these figures, it is significant that the smoke figures are showing a reduction at each of the stations, whereas the sulphur dioxide readings show little or no improvement in two years.

SUMMARY OF ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

Inspections of dwelling-houses re complaints	410
Inspections re Council housing applications	26
Inspections and visits to Council houses	49
Inspections re Housing Consolidated Regulations ...	-
Number of visits re Infectious Disease & Food Poisoning	91
Inspections re keeping of animals	3
Inspections re improvement grants and loans for repairs	43
Inspections re atmospheric pollution measurement ...	611
Inspections re Smoke Control Area	1909
Inspections of Schools	1
Inspections of Farms	2
Inspections of Dairies & Milk Shops	5
Inspections of milk vehicles	1
Inspections of premises re manufacture of ice cream ...	3
Inspections of premises re sale of ice cream	36
Inspections of ice cream vehicles	6
Inspections of bakehouses	18
Inspections of premises registered for manufacture of sausage, preserved and potted meat	9
Inspections of butchers' shops	21
Inspections of fishmongers' shops or vehicles	14
Inspections of fried fish shops	4
Inspections of other food shops & stores	34
Inspections of hotels, cafés, restaurants and factory canteens	12
Inspections of school canteens	1
Inspections of factories (with mechanical power) ...	17
Inspection of Factories (without mechanical power) ...	-
Inspections of other work premises	-
Inspections re outworkers	1
Inspections re drainage and septic tank installations...	153
Inspections re rivers, streams and watercourses... ...	11
Inspections of premises re rats and mice	144
Inspections of houses and shops re insect pests ...	123
Inspections re refuse collection and removal	950
Inspections re dustbins...	65
Inspections of refuse tip	306
Inspections of sewage works	3
Inspections of stables	2
Visits under the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	122
Inspections under Pet Animals Act	3
Inspections of hairdressers' premises	3
Inspections under Animal Boarding Acts	3
Inspections under Petroleum Acts and Regulations ...	21
Inspections re abandoned vehicles	7
Miscellaneous inspections and visits	215
	5551
Visits re work ordered or in progress	67
	5618

COMPLAINTS

432 complaints were received and investigated during the year.

NOTICES

Informal Notices served (including Verbal Intimation)	50
Statutory Notices served during the year	1
Informal Notices complied with during the year	51
Statutory Notices complied with during the year	1

IMPROVEMENTS

HOUSING

Windows or doors repaired	2
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	1
Brickwork pointing renewed	1
Dampness eradicated	4
Roofs repaired	4
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed	3
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	2
Water service pipes repaired	1
Baths provided	7
Washbasins provided	7
Hot water supply provided or repaired	7
Food storage accommodation provided	7
Waste pipes repaired or renewed	2
Wasps nests exterminated	111
Disinfested - other insect pests	4
Rats and Mice exterminated	87
Other rodents exterminated	-
Accumulations of manure or refuse etc. removed	3
Dilapidated dustbins renewed	2

DRAINAGE

Public sewers cleansed	8
Choked drains - Private sewers - cleared	24
Drains repaired	3
Septic tank plants cleansed or otherwise put in order ...	4
Land drains cleansed or repaired	1

SANITARY CONVENIENCES

Water closets repaired or cleaned	3
Internal water closets provided	8
Other Improvements	1
	307

HOUSING

STATISTICS

Number of New Houses erected during the year.

(a)	Total including numbers given separately under (b)	
	(i) By the Local Authority	14
	(ii) By other Local Authorities	NIL
	(iii) By other bodies or persons	57
(b)	With State Assistance under the Housing Acts	14

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1)(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	60
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	60
(2)(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	NIL
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	NIL
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	NIL
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	60

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices:-
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 59

SLUM CLEARANCE

The district has no slum clearance problem, there being very few of the older type of houses which can be the subject of demolition procedure.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Fifteen applications for standard grants were received during the year, of which six were for rented houses.

Eight standard grant schemes were completed during the year; as a result of these schemes 7 houses were provided with baths, 7 with wash-hand basins, 7 with proper food storage accommodation, 7 with hot water supply, and 8 with internal W.C.'s.

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

No applications were received for certificates of disrepair during the year.

CARAVANS

There are no caravans being used for living purposes in the district.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a list of the premises registered under this Act, by the end of the year.

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total No.of registered premises at end of year	No.of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	7	32	24
Retail shops ...	10	85	48
Wholesale shops,warehouses	1	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public,and canteens	2	7	6
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	20	125	79

Number of visits to Registered Premises 115

The number of people employed in the registered premises are as follows:-

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	247
Retail shops	305
Wholesale departments, warehouses...	110
Catering establishments open to the public	68
Canteens	6
Fuel storage depots ...	-
TOTAL	736
Total Males ...	304
Total Females ...	432

The following is a list of contraventions of the Act which have been found and remedied during the year as a result of action by the Public Health Department.

	Found	Remedied
Abstract of the Act not displayed	15	14
Inadequate first aid equipment	10	10
Thermometer not displayed	12	9
Absence of hot water to washing facilities ...	1	1
Inadequate ventilation	2	-
Absence of lighting/defective/unsatisfactory condition of toilets	5	5
Dirty washing facilities...	1	1
Floor areas - worn/obstructed/hazardous	11	7
Absence of drinking facilities...	-	-
Walls and ceilings require cleansing...	14	13
Inadequate lighting	5	5
Staircases not provided with handrails/dangerous...	5	3
Unsafe/unsuitable/absence of seats	1	1
Fittings dirty	3	3
Absence of satisfactory heating facilities... ...	2	2
Inadequate provisions for storage of staff clothing	8	8
Premises not registered	1	1
Provision notmade for staff to take meals	1	1
Unguarded machinery	1	1
Miscellaneous	7	4
	105	89

HAIRDRESSERS

15 establishments are registered for Hairdressing under the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953. The registered establishments are generally of a fairly high standard from a hygiene point of view.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

During the year 17 inspections of factories and workplaces were made.

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health.

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in(i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	27	17	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (including outworkers' premises) ...	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	28	17	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)...	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS

One outworker operating in Hale was notified and the circumstances are satisfactory.

MILK SUPPLY

There are now no milk pasteurising plants in the area.

There were, however, 23 distributors retailing milk in Hale at the end of 1968.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

55 samples of milk were taken for examination by the County Council. 54 out of the 55 satisfactorily passed the statutory tests.

No samples were submitted for brucella examination during the year.

ICE CREAM PREMISES

Ice cream is now manufactured for sale at only one premises in the district. In that case the mix is pasteurised in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1959. Ice cream is also sold at 28 other premises in the district, in each case under satisfactory conditions.

Some 13 samples of Ice Cream were obtained during the year and all were satisfactory.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no registered or licensed slaughterhouses in the district. in the main 13 butchers obtain their meat supplied from Manchester. 21 inspections have been made of the shops and vehicles, and the meat exposed for sale was of reasonable quality.

541 assorted tins and packages of food were condemned as unfit for food during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The following is a summary of the various food premises in the district:-

27 Grocers Shops & Supermarkets
10 Bread & Confectionery Shops
1 Sweet Shop
12 Ice Cream & Sweet Shops
3 Cafes & Restaurants
10 Canteens
7 Public Houses
5 Off Licences
13 Butchers
12 Greengrocers and/or Fishmongers
3 Dairies
1 Fish & Chip Shop

In all some 173 inspections were made of the various premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food during the year.

There were only 8 complaints by householders regarding contaminated food etc. In every case the matter was taken up with the person believed responsible and suitable warnings given, when appropriate.

As directed by the Ministry of Health Circular 1/69 the position regarding the provision of wash-hand basins (Regulation 16) and sinks (Regulation 19) at the end of 1968 was as follows:-

	No. of premises	No. fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (Wash-hand Basins)	No. to which Regulation 19 Applies	No. fitted to comply with Regulation 19 (Sinks)
Grocers & Mixed Shops... ...	37	37	37	37
Sweets and/or Ice Cream Vendors	13	13	13	13
Cafes and Restaurants...	3	3	3	3
School & other Canteens ...	10	10	10	10
Butchers' Shops	13	13	13	13
Greengrocers and/or Fishmongers...	12	12	12	12
Public Houses	7	7	7	7
Fried Fish Shops	1	1	1	1
Others ...	8	8	8	8

There are no egg pasteurising plants in the district.

There are no poultry processing plants in the district.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955 - SAMPLING

The taking of samples under the Food & Drugs Act 1955, is carried out by the Cheshire County Council.

I am indebted to Mr. W. K. Nattrass, Chief Weights & Measures Inspector, Cheshire County Council, for the following report under this heading, carried out during the year:-

Name of Sample	Number obtained	Number of non-standard Samples
Anchovy Essence	1	-
Brandy - Framboise	1	-
Bread - Milk	1	1
Cheese Spread	1	-
Cream - Double	2	-
Dressing - Russian	1	-
Drink - Blackcurrant Health	1	-
Fudge - Real Rum	1	-
Glutethemide Tablets	1	-
Hydraflumethiazide Tablets	1	-
Ice Cream - Strawberry	1	-
Liqueur Cocktail	1	-
Mayonnaise	1	-
Mayonnaise Tarragon	1	-
Meprobromate Tablets	1	-
Methyl Testerone Tablets	1	-
Milks - fresh	53	-
Oysters - smoked	1	-
Sausages - beef	2	-
Sausages - pork	3	1
Vinegar - Garlic	1	-
Vodka	1	-
Whisky	3	-
TOTALS	81	2

Particulars of Samples not up to standard

Sample	Result of Analysis	Remarks
Pork Sausage	Contained 90 ppm sulphur dioxide preservative not declared	Manufacturer cautioned
Milk Bread (Complaint)	Contained dirt	Bakers fined £20 costs £4.14.0d.

Particulars of food complaints from private purchasers

Complaint From	Nature	Remarks
Private purchaser	Piece of metal in bread	Manufactuer cautioned
Private purchaser	Dirt in bread	Bakers fined £20 costs £4.14.0d.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE

The weekly emptying of ashbins was maintained throughout the year.

The work of the Department in this connection has grown considerably in the past few years, both in the number of houses covered and in the increased bulk of modern refuse. In addition the Council is called upon to an increasing degree to move surplus household goods and furniture. Some 307 calls were received and dealt with for special collection of bulky household refuse during the year.

The collection of refuse is carried out by the Local Authority over the whole district.

Septic tanks, of which there are 70 in the district, are emptied free of charge by the Council as required.

COUNCIL DUSTBIN SCHEME

The Council decided during the year to provide replacements for worn out dustbins for house refuse. During the latter half of the year some 479 bins were provided.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping at Grove Lane. From time to time it is necessary to tip into water, but by cutting off small segments of the pond and tipping into the water in colder weather any nuisance is reduced to a minimum. Prompt covering of refuse has again succeeded in reducing fires, and there have been very few complaints from residents in the neighbourhood.

The tip is open on Saturday mornings so that residents may deposit miscellaneous rubbish, not usually collected as house refuse, and this facility is fairly well used.

The available tipping space at Grove Lane is not expected to last beyond 1970. The joint discussions with Sale, Altrincham, Bowdon and Bucklow Councils regarding a joint incinerator are proceeding slowly but the position is becoming increasingly urgent. Arrangements have been made for Bowdon U.D.C. to utilise our tip for their refuse, and when our tip is completely filled, Hale will then share the Bowdon tip with them. It is hoped that this joint arrangement will provide adequate tipping space for both authorities for 3 years by which time the joint incinerator will be in operation.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT - DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED/ABANDONED CARS

7 cars were disposed of by the Council during the year, 6 of them by prior arrangement with the owner. In only 1 case was it necessary to serve notice regarding an abandoned car and this car had been deposited on Council land.

PETROLEUM STORAGE PREMISES

Supervision of premises licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit is carried out by the Public Health Inspector. Licences are in force in regard to 16 premises, and in all but one of these, storage is wholly underground.

All premises are inspected at least once a year in conjunction with the Cheshire County Fire Service, whose requirements must be complied with.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council continued to treat dwelling houses infested with rats and mice free of charge.

Treatments are carried out by one of the Council's workmen, trained in disinfestation methods.

Details are given hereunder of investigations and treatments carried out during the year:-

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	5,544	19
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	87	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	70	-
(ii) Mice	17	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification ...	-	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	-	-
(ii) Mice	-	-

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. J. SEALEY,

Senior Public Health Inspector.